

# School bus driver jailed four years for groping minor

**KUCHING:** A school bus driver was sentenced to four years' jail by the Sessions Court here Wednesday after pleading guilty to committing sexual assault against a 15-year-old girl by groping her chest.

Judge Maris Agan also ordered the jail sentence for the 47-year-old man to be enforced from Wednesday.

The accused was charged under Section 14(a) of the Sexual Offences Against Children Act 2017, punishable under Section 14 of the same Act.

The Section provides for a maximum 20 years' imprisonment and whipping, upon conviction.

According to the amended charge, the accused allegedly groped the girl's chest in front of a house in Jalan Matang, Depo Link here at around

1.18pm on April 14, 2022.

The incident happened when the girl was walking home from school. The accused approached her on a motorcycle, pretended to ask her something, and touched her chest before fleeing the scene.

During mitigation, the accused appealed for a lenient sentence on grounds that he was supporting both his parents and a 17-year-old child.

The accused also informed the court that as a civil servant, he did not receive gratuity compensation or a monthly pension to support his family.

He also said he committed the offence following his divorce.

The prosecution was handled by DPP Mohamad Aiman Mutallib Mohamad Shariff, while the accused was unrepresented.



The accused is led away after sentencing.